



The New Linn Regional Center

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There are over 200 classes being taken at the new Linn Regional Center just in the fall. Mrs. Bowen, the high school counselor, said that she thinks that it's a great opportunity for kids still in high school to take college courses. "It gives students an understanding of the different career options available." Two of the more popular academies that the CPU students have enrolled in are the Advanced Manufacturing and Patient Care. Students also find the ICN class, Intro to Psychology, an interesting choice.

College classes can be quite a bit different than high school. When asked if classes or assignments were easier Trevor Bryant, a senior, stated that classes were easier in college because they are classes he has interest in. Kyle Wilkinson, another senior enrolled in the Linn Regional Center, said, "Assignments aren't easier but definitely less stressful, they're normally shorter with the same information." Kyle also said that the difference between high school and Kirkwood is that college classes are shorter so his attention isn't lost.

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Even though this is a great opportunity for students, the year didn't begin so well. "All of the CenterPoint-Urbana students were unenrolled." Mrs. Bowen stated when asked what the most difficult part of the year has been. This is the first year at the new center, so there were some issues that needed to be dealt with. However, with the help of Mrs. Chesmore, they made it through.

Another issue that needed to be handled was how students were going to get to the center. After discussions, the school board decided that students would be responsible for this on their own. Mrs. Bowen commented that she'd rather have the students going there be bussed for safety reason instead of driving themselves and to conserve gas for students. However, students attending Kirkwood have different thoughts on being bussed. Kyle Wilkinson and Trevor Bryant both said that driving themselves is better because they can be on their own schedule and not have to wait for others.

Even with a couple of small issues, there seems to be more benefits to this new option for students. With this new center, it seems students are even more capable of taking classes that not only interest them, but will help them in their futures.